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## MEXICO MAKES FAST PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

### New Schools for Matamoros in Line With Ambitious Plans of Federal Govern- ment for Education

Great strides in educational development in Mexico will be made within the next four years, according to General Cesar Lopez de Lara, governor of Tamaulipas, Mexico, who recently visited Brownsville and Matamoros, spending several days in the latter city where he made a thorough investigation of conditions pertaining to educational work.

Governor de Lara made the announcement that an appropriation of 150,000 pesos, would be made by the federal government for the erection of two school buildings in the city, and a committee of prominent citizens was appointed to secure sites, pass upon plans and make other necessary arrangements. It is understood that this sum will be available as soon as the necessary preliminary work is completed.

In accordance with the usual Mexican custom, which does not permit the mingling of boys and girls in the same school, both a boys' school and a girls' school building will be erected.

Prior to the Madero revolution the border towns on the Mexican side had fairly efficient schools, but these deteriorated rapidly during the revolution, until they have reached a very low standard.

**Federal Control.**  
President Obregon announced soon after he secured control of the national administration that the development of an efficient public school system would be one of the government's principal aims. Senor Jose Vasconcelos, who fled from Mexico at the beginning of the Madero revolt and practiced law in New York several years, was called to Mexico, a department of education was organized, and in July, 1921, the control of the schools was transferred from the state and local governments to the federal government.

One of the first acts of President Obregon was to ask an appropriation for educational purposes. This appropriation was made in August, 1921, and in July, 1922, the original appropriation was increased 50,000,000 pesos, and Secretary Vasconcelos was given a free hand in carrying out the ambitious educational program he had inaugurated.

**Extension Work Taken Up.**  
To better inform himself upon educational advancement in other Latin American countries, Secretary Vasconcelos has visited practically all of the South American countries and is now in Argentina. It was through his efforts that the plan of providing free scholarships to all Americans who would take up a summer course in Spanish at the Mexican University in the City of Mexico was adopted. This is generally conceded to be one of the most progressive plans ever adopted by any country to cement international relationship and bring the educated classes of two nations in closer contact.

Agricultural extension work, very similar to that of the United States Department of Agriculture is now part of the program of the Mexican Department of Education. Every state in the republic has been divided into "districts agricultural" and state instructors, working along the same lines as the county agents of the U. S. extension service have been supplied for every district. Funds have also been appropriated for the erection of agricultural colleges in every state. Many of the instructors as well as many of the district agents have received instruction in American agricultural colleges.

"We must acknowledge that Mexico has been retarded in the development of educational facilities," Governor de Lara stated in an address at Matamoros last week, "but the people of Mexico can look forward to an era of educational development such as has never before been witnessed. Your new schools in Matamoros will be duplicated in scores of cities in the republic, and the program mapped out by the national government is the most progressive move for education ever attempted in Mexico."

### Official Weather Reports

Brownsville and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; continued cold.

East Texas: Fair tonight; frost in interior, probably killing frost in north and central portions, Wednesday fair; rising temperature in northern portion. Light to moderate winds on the coast.

#### Local Weather Data.

For the 24-hour period ending at 12:30 today, 20th meridian time:  
Barometer 7 p.m. yesterday ..... 30.15  
Barometer 7 a.m. today ..... 30.12  
Temperature highest yesterday ..... 58.  
Temperature 7 p.m. yesterday ..... 51.  
Temperature lowest last night ..... 50.  
Temperature 7 a.m. today ..... 50.  
Temperature 12:30 today ..... 55.  
Humidity 12:30 today (pet) ..... 90.  
Humidity 7 a.m. today (pet) ..... 90.  
Humidity 7 p.m. yesterday (pet) ..... 77.  
Precipitation 7 p.m. yesterday ..... T.  
Precipitation 7 a.m. today ..... T.  
Total rainfall this month ..... 1.14  
Wind (direc. and vel.) 7 p.m. ..... N-12  
Wind (direc. and vel.) 7 a.m. ..... N-9  
Weather 7 p.m. yesterday ..... cloudy  
Weather 7 a.m. today ..... cloudy  
Sun sets today ..... 5:41  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 6:49

## Fascisti Chief Marches Through Rome



This photograph, just received in America, shows Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy, leading his triumphant Fascisti through Rome where he was confirmed in office by the king.

## Plans for Expediting Rail Control Presented at Commissioners' Meet

### WANT FUND TO FINISH DAVIS WAR MONUMENT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 14.—Efforts will be made at the present convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to raise the remaining \$50,000 necessary to complete the Jefferson Davis memorial monument at Fairview, Kentucky, according to Mrs. Jackie Daniel Thrash Morrison, chairman of the monument committee.

Work of raising the remainder of the fund has been placed in the hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Jefferson Davis Home Association. More than 600 delegates, representing every section of the United States, are expected to attend the convention, which opens tonight.

The obelisk is now 216 feet high. When it is completed it will be 351 feet in height.

Undaunted by the action of Governor Morrow in voiding the appropriation of \$15,000, included in the bill passed by both houses of the Kentucky legislature, the Daughters of the Confederacy have announced their determination to raise the necessary funds at their convention.

### LENINE APPLAUDS SOVIET POLICIES IN RUSS AFFAIRS

(By The Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, Nov. 14.—The soviet government's change of economic policy in the spring of 1921, has been justified in every way, Premier Lenin declared in his address before the congress of the third international. He stated that this change has satisfied the peasants and the working men and had urged the development of big industries in all parts of Russia. He also maintained that the new economic policy had been instrumental to a great extent in stabilizing the ruble in the past five months.

### IRISH PROPAGANDISTS ARRESTED BY POLICE OF WASHINGTON CITY

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Terrence MacSwiney, former Lord Mayor of Cork, was arrested today with eight other women members of the American association for recognition of the Irish republic. They were marching before the British embassy armed with banners demanding the release of MacSwiney's sister, Miss Mary MacSwiney, who is held a prisoner in the Irish free state.

#### MEXIA GROWING RAPIDLY.

MEXIA, Texas, Nov. 14.—The 1922 census of Mexia is 10,216, according to Lee Gayle, census enumerator, who has just finished taking it. This number represents an increase of 219 percent over the 1920 census of 3,482. This number does not include Desemurgh City and several other settlements outside the corporate limits.

#### SPOT COTTON MARKET

Dallas, 25.15; Houston, 25.75; Galveston, 25.80; all steady.

(By The Associated Press.)  
DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 14.—An amendment of the transportation act to clarify the question of jurisdiction of the federal and state commissions was one of the major matters before the convention of the National Association of Railway Utility Commissioners here today. State Railway Commissioner Gilmore is attending from Texas.

A report urging the abolition of the Railway Labor Board was submitted to the convention by the association committee on public ownership. The report recommended the transfer of the board's functions to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the enactment of legislation which would enable the commission to enforce its orders. The report said that such steps would prevent a recurrence of the recent strike and would retard sentiment in favor of public ownership. It claimed that the board and commission had established a dual control that had proved a failure.

Plans for cooperation between the Interstate Commerce Commission and the State Railroad Commission in regulating railroad service have been carried sufficiently far to insure their ultimate success, Chairman McChord declared in an address before the convention. He explained the method adopted was that of having the state commissions associated with the Interstate Commerce Commission in decisions on matters of mutual interest, and having the state commissions issue all necessary orders upon matters affecting service in their own states.

### WEEVIL CONTROL IS FOUND CLAIMS FLORIDA EXPERT

(By The Associated Press.)  
GAINESVILLE, Fla., Nov. 14.—Developments of a satisfactory method of controlling the boll weevil on short staple or upland cotton was announced Friday by Dr. Wilmot Newell, plant commissioner for the state board and director of the University of Florida experimental station.

Dr. Newell's announcement was made as the result of the successful culmination of research work by George D. Smith, associate entomologist, conducted under the auspices of the state plant board.

The method involves a principle in boll weevil control heretofore not recognized by other investigators, Dr. Newell stated, and he added the total cost of treatment, labor included, does not exceed \$1.50 of \$2 an acre. In the fields treated, the cotton crop in nearly every instance has been as large as that obtained prior to the advent of the weevil.

While some poison is used the amount is comparatively small. Dr. Newell said a cotton field is cleared of practically all boll weevils every in June and remains in that condition for several weeks. During this period a good crop of bolls is set without weevil interference.

Both the state plant board and the experimental station will issue immediately bulletins on the improved method of control.

### FRATERNAL CONGRESS IN SESSION AT AUSTON

(By The Associated Press.)  
AUSTON, Texas, Nov. 14.—The annual session of the Texas Fraternal Congress opened here today with more than fifty representatives present. The features of today's meeting were addresses by State Banking and Insurance Commissioner Chapman, W. E. Shirley of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Dr. H. V. Beardsley, of Dallas.

### "TEN-POINT BUCK" HAD LENGTHY EARS

A Houston sportsman, who formerly lived in Brownsville, came down to the city the other day with great visions of a ten-point buck. His old friends took him out to get the buck.

The gentleman was lucky and on the first day out spotted a ten-point. He cracked down on the feet footed animal and succeeded in downing it. When he rushed up he found a Mexican burro lying on the ground dead, with a pair of deer horns tied on its head.

He declares the deer is this part of the state are of a peculiar construction and says he is going to give up the sport as they are too tame for him. His fellow hunters told the horns off the deer and framed them as a present to the gentleman in commemoration of his hunting feats.

### GRANT AMNESTY TO FOLLOWER OF REBEL GENERAL

(By The Associated Press.)  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 14.—General Rosendo Hernandez has been granted amnesty by the federal government and has returned to private life at Santa Rosa, Chihuahua, according to an announcement made this morning.

His status as a rebel general has been more of a personal than political significance, according to military authorities here. He was affiliated with General Murguia before the latter's capture and execution. The deaths of Generals Murguia and Carrasco left General Hernandez as the probable leader of the rebels in the north.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 14.—Heliadora Perez, rebel general, who has been operating in the state of Hidalgo, gave himself up to the federal commander at Pachuca Monday morning and is being held pending instructions from President Obregon.

Perez was with Carranza during the flight which ended in the latter's death. He refused the new government's demands for the surrender of those involved and became a rebel. About a year ago he surrendered and was granted amnesty, but later took to the field again.

He explained to the Pachuca commander yesterday that he had been in rebellion solely because of loyalty to the late Gen. Francisco Murguia, but that the latter's death had released him from his promise.

### MEXICAN PRISONER STABS GUARD WHO PREVENTED ESCAPE

(By The Associated Press.)  
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 14.—In a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to escape from the federal penitentiary here today, Jose Martinez, a Mexican, fatally stabbed Captain Leonard, who was in command of the guard and also knifed four other guards, and the extent of his wounds have not yet been determined.

Martinez was serving a sentence for murder committed while he was in the army in France.

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 14.—A meeting of the stockholders has been called for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of the Magnolia Petroleum Company from \$120,000,000 to \$180,000,000. It was announced today. The meeting is to be held in Galveston on Dec. 2.

## THREE MERCADO BROTHERS HELD IN MURDER CASE

### Justice Miller Refuses to Grant Bond to Men Held in Connection With Sayas Killing

Manuel, Hijinio and Jose Mercado will be held in the county jail to await their trial in the criminal district court on the charge of murdering Guillermo Sayas, Monday October, 30, according to the decision of Justice of the Peace Miller, who refused to allow the three men bond after the preliminary hearing yesterday at the court house.

The court room of Justice of the Peace, H. J. Kirk, where the trial was held, was filled to capacity during the morning and afternoon. A number of witnesses took the stand and testified, much delay being caused through the necessity of translating.

After the preliminary hearing which lasted until late in the afternoon Justice Howard Miller decided that the Mercado brothers should go back to jail and await trial, while Lupe Rivera, who had been arrested in connection with the killing, was released on bond of \$100 pending the trial before the district criminal judge.

Much interest is being shown in this case, in which the victim was shot four times, once in the head and three times in the body, and was then disemboweled and placed in the river. However, the body was placed on a shallow bar, instead of in a deep part of the river, and when the river fell a few feet the body was exposed and found.

According to the evidence submitted in the court, Manuel and Hijinio Mercado were the last persons seen with Guillermo Sayas Monday afternoon when he left this city. They were all seen later that afternoon far down the river, near the place where Hijinio Mercado lives. This testimony was given by a resident of that district.

Other witnesses living in the neighborhood of Mercado, stated they had seen one of the Mercado boys enter his home Monday afternoon with a sack of corn, and the other came to the house later, the two leaving together. One witness said he was hunting about a mile from his home when a car passed with one Mercado brother in the rear seat and another in the front seat. He did not know whether there were any other persons in the car, or who was driving, but said the Mercado brother in the front seat leaned out the right side of the car as he spoke to him when the car passed.

Testimony was given to the effect that Jose Mercado was seen driving toward Brownsville at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon in a Dodge car. He was by himself and was seen more than half way between here and the home of Hijinio. The testimony of those who saw the body was also taken at the trial.

Jose Mercado was also seen going to San Benito Monday night, according to one witness. The Ford car in which Sayas is believed to have been murdered, was found south of San Benito early Tuesday morning, although parts of a broken windshield of the car were found near where the murder is believed to have been committed down the river. The automobile when found had a bullet hole through the front, a broken windshield, and blood on the front seat and floor. Attempts had evidently been made to wash the blood off with gasoline.

### ALLIES ARRANGE FOR CONFERENCE BEFORE MEETING

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The allies have solved the problem of meeting before the Lausanne peace conference to outline their program.

Lord Curzon, British Secretary of Foreign Affairs, has arranged to see Premier Poincare while on his way to Lausanne. Premier Mussolini of Italy has arranged to join his colleagues for a preliminary meeting at Lausanne immediately after their arrival.

The official message from Constantinople today indicated that the situation there was somewhat easier. It was stated that the Turks were not becoming any more uncooperative. The opinion was expressed in official quarters that in view of the easing of tension the allied representatives at Constantinople have decided it is unnecessary for the present to proclaim a state of siege.

There was an appreciable slackening today of the tension which prevailed during the week-end over the successive demands of the Kemalists for greater control of Constantinople. Although no official announcement was made, it was stated in allied circles that sober reflection by the Turks had caused them to make no further provocative gestures before the opening of the Lausanne conference.

Thus, while the situation continues uncertain, it is felt that the peril of a rupture has momentarily been averted.

**RESCUE MISSIONARY**  
SHANGHAI, Nov. 14.—H. E. Ledgard, member of the China inland mission at Shangsaihsien, who was kidnapped by bandit forces of Hohan, Oct. 28, has been rescued at Lohang, in Hohan province, according to a message received Monday from Yencheng. The message gave no details.

## CATASTROPHE IN CHILE RAPIDLY ASSUMES MOST APPALLING PROPORTIONS

(By The Associated Press.)  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 14.—The Chilean government today considered the advisability of sending troops to Coquimbo and Atacama to reinforce the regular garrisons. This was caused by reports that banditry and disorders had broken out in several parts of the areas stricken by the earthquake Saturday morning.

Information received here this morning indicate that the calamity has reached appalling proportions and the casualties are now estimated between 1500 and 2,000.

Practically the entire sea coast of Chile was again visited by an earth shock last night. Tremors were felt at La Serena and Constitución.

The entire town of Carrizal, with a population of approximately 500 is reported to have disappeared.

Advices from Antofagasta last night said that strong earth shocks had been felt at Taltal, a seaport of several thousand population, a few miles from the city of Antofagasta.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 14.—The homeless at Coquimbo and vicinity number 3,500, according to official dispatches, which do not estimate the number of dead from the earthquake and tidal wave. The suburb of Victoria has been destroyed.

Latest dispatches confirm the quake's destructive work at Copiapo and Chanaral, the latter place being without food. Copiapo is in dire need of medical assistance. Firemen and Boy Scouts are doing all possible to render aid to the destitute. The Municipal theatre and the principal church were among the buildings wrecked by the shock and nearly all the dwelling houses at Copiapo were levelled.

## SHIP SUBSIDY BILL WILL BE UP NEXT WEEK

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—President Harding is planning to ask congress as soon as it meets next week to take up immediately the merchant marine subsidy bill, it was said at the White House today. A consideration of this measure was the main reason for an extra session. A postponement until the next congress of the administration's governmental reorganization program was forecast today by Senator Smoot after a conference with Harding.

Arrangements were made by Senator Cummins, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, for a conference this week with Harding relative to changes in the transportation act.

### THREE CULVERTS READY ON NORTH END OF HIGHWAY

Three culverts on the north end of the county road have been completed by the construction crews of the F. P. McElwath, and frames have been laid for several more. Grading work is also going on at a rapid rate.

At this end of the highway there will not be as much work necessary in the way of constructing culverts and similar structures. No bridges or culverts will be necessary until paving has passed beyond Oquito. This end of the road has already been graded in fairly good shape and will not need as much work as previous to paving as will the north ten miles.

**ON TRIAL FOR MURDER**  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 14.—"Mother" McCaw, middle-aged wife of Sam McCaw, Bristol grocer, went on trial here yesterday for the murder of her crippled 21-year-old stepdaughter, Elsie McCaw. The authorities allege the girl died from rat poison mixed in her food. Mrs. McCaw maintains she is innocent.

**BOOTLEGGERS MURDERERS**  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—A bill providing that persons who sell anything purporting to be drinkable alcoholic liquors that kills the drinker shall be classed as murderers and punished accordingly, is to be submitted to the next New York legislature by the Anti-Saloon League of New York, it was announced today.

**VERDICT AGAINST ROAD**  
BELTON, Texas, Nov. 14.—Verdict for \$25,000 against the Santa Fe railroad in favor of Mrs. F. W. Heatherberry of Temple, was returned in the district court here Monday. Mrs. Heatherberry's husband, an engineer of the Santa Fe, was drowned at Cameron during the floods of September, 1921.

## HUMBLE FIELD FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)  
HOUSTON, Texas, Nov. 14.—The Humble oil field fire is practically extinguished, and no fears are now entertained that the flames will spread to adjoining tanks. The total loss is a round \$1,000,000 from oil burning in the tanks, amounting to three-quarters of a million barrels of the Gulf Coast heavy crude. The oil was the property of the Gulf Pipe Line Company. Oil boiling over from the tanks several times threatened the adjoining tanks, but the workers succeeded in protecting them from the flames.

Owing to boiliovers the fire did not last as long as was expected, and they served to quickly empty the tanks and give the flames greater action in consuming the oil.

## FAMOUS AVIATOR OF FRANCE DIES WHEN PLANE FALLS

(By The Associated Press.)  
LEBOUGET, France, Nov. 14.—M. Poiré, the noted French aviator, and his two mechanics were killed today when his plane crashed during the competition for the Grand Prix for commercial airplanes here. The accident was due to the breaking of one of the rear propellers on Poiré's plane which cut through the machine.

Edmond Poiré was a prominent French aviator circles for more than a decade. He served in the war with both the Russian and French forces.

## STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION HAS HEARING ON RATE

(By The Associated Press.)  
AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 14.—The November hearing by the state railroad commission began today. The minimum weight charges on cottonseed for planting purposes and the reassignment of regulations on coal are the principal cases to be taken up today. Tomorrow the commission will hear applications of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient road for an increase on live stock rates and freight divisions.

## SEEK DISMISSAL OF APPLICATIONS IN MAYFIELD CASE

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 14.—Motions seeking the dismissal of applications for writs of error from the decision of the Dallas court of civil appeals in the Corsicana and Groesbeck injunction suits which sought to prevent the certification of Earle B. Mayfield's name were filed in the supreme court today by attorneys for the plaintiff in the cases. If acted on favorably the motions will end the Mayfield litigation in state courts. Action is expected in the case tomorrow.

## NUECES COUNTY MAN ATTACKED BY BOAR

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Nov. 14.—Attacked by a boar and severely cut about the lower limbs and other parts of the body, Thomas Owen, residing at West Portland Monday morning had a narrow escape from death or serious injury.

Mr. Owen was milking a cow in his lot when a large boar on the place made an attack on him. The boar made deep cuts on the right leg of its victim with the sharp tusks and inflicted other cuts about the body. The injuries were so serious a physician was called from Corpus Christi to attend him. The patient was resting well and said to be out of danger later in the day.

**MAY SERVE FEW DAYS**  
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 14.—That there is still a probability of Mrs. W. H. Fehon serving a few days in the United States senate—the first woman to have that honor—was indicated last night by delays in connection with making the election of Walter F. George, former justice of the state supreme court, a matter of official record.